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SUBJECT: PRESS GUESS ON EARLY US-GDR ESTABLISHMENT OF  
RELATIONS

1. APRIL 9 "NEUE RUHR ZEITUNG" (ESSEN) CLAIMS IN  
INSIDE-PAGE STORY THAT GDR HAS EMPHASIZED ITS "GREAT  
INTEREST" IN ESTABLISHING DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH THE  
U.S. BY UNEXPECTED OFFERS IN "TECHNICAL QUESTIONS".  
STORY SAYS GDR WISHES TO HAVE U.S. EMBASSY OPERATING IN  
EAST BERLIN IN TIME FOR THE 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF FOUNDING  
OF GDR OCTOBER 7. ACCORDING TO THE ACCOUNT, U.S. PRE-  
CONDITIONS FOR OPENING AN EAST BERLIN EMBASSY (ENTRY  
INTO FORCE OF BASIC RELATIONS TREATY , INCLUSION OF WEST  
BERLIN IN RELATED INNER-GERMAN AGREEMENTS AND ESTABLISH-  
MENT OF FRG AND GDR PERMANENT MISSIONS) HAVE BEEN MET,  
AND IT WAS NO COINCIDENCE THAT MARCH VISIT OF U.S. ADMIN  
TEAM MADE PROGRESS.

2. ACCORDING TO THE ESSEN DAILY, ASIDE FROM A "SUITABLE"  
AMBASSADOR'S RESIDENCE IN NIEDERSCHOENHAUSEN, GDR REPS  
HAVE OFFERED "HAUS DES HANDWERKS" AS CHANCERY BUILDING  
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(PICUTRE OF IT RUNS WITH STORY). U.S. REPS ARE NOW

EXPLORING POSSIBILITIES FOR REMODELING THE BUILDINGS,  
THE STORY CONTINUES. IT ALSO REFERS TO CONTINUED ALLIED  
OWNERSHIP OF LAND ON WHICH THEIR PREWAR EMBASSIES STOOD  
NEAR BRADENBURG GATE.

3. THE ARTICLE SAYS THAT GDR GOVERNMENT CIRCLES EXPECT  
THE EVENTUAL U.S. AMBASSADOR IN EAST BERLIN TO BE GERMAN  
EXPERT, NOTING PREVIOUS GERMAN EXPERIENCE OF UK  
AMBASSADOR KEEBLE AND HIS FRENCH COLLEAGUE CHALVRON.

4. COMMENT: PRO-SPD "NEUE RUHR ZEITUNG" (ISSUED AS  
"NEUE RHEIN ZEITUNG" IN COLOGNE AREA) IS ONE OF SEVEN  
FRG NEWSPAPERS/WIRE SERVICES WHOSE CORRESPONDENTS HAVE  
RECEIVED GDR ACCREDITATION.  
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